

News Release

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Prescribed Burn at Pace Bend Park

Travis County Parks plans to conduct multiple prescribed burns at Pace Bend Park the week of July 15, 2019. Two prescribed burns are planned between Tuesday, July 16, 2019 and Friday, July 19, 2019. The prescribed burns will each occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and will take approximately four to six hours to complete.

Travis County Parks is conducting the prescribed burns in cooperation with personnel from the local fire departments and natural resource agencies.

The prescribed burns are intended to reduce wildfire danger and improve ecosystem health by removing invading shrubs, consuming dead and downed vegetation, reducing the number of exotic species, and enhancing the health and diversity of the native plant community.

The prescribed burns will be conducted with a southerly wind direction which will carry the smoke to the north, across the park and lake, and towards the communities to the north and west. However, due to the distance between the prescribed burn and the adjacent communities, smoke impacts are expected to be relatively light.

The park will remain open; however, some portions of the park specifically the west side coves and/or Kate and Johnsons Cove will close for part of the week. At least one of the prescribed burns may be conducted along the main entrance road (near the fee booth) and some traffic delays should be expected.

Pace Bend Park is located at 2805 Pace Bend Road North, Spicewood, TX 78669.

Media note: Please call the PIO (contact listed above), or check in at the park fee booth for additional information.

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